

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 and 30-31 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to delete "a billing system for tracking usage by users of the proprietary information utility for billing purposes" which is now included in new claim 30 which depends from claim 1. Claims 2-5 remain unamended. Claim 6 has been amended for grammatical purposes. Claims 7-13 remain unamended. Claim 14 has been amended to now depend from new claim 30. Claims 15 and 17-18 remain unamended. Claim 16 has been amended for grammatical purposes. Claim 19 has been amended to delete "tracking usage of users of the proprietary information utility for billing purposes" which is now included in new claim 31 which depends from claim 19. Claims 24 and 26 have been amended to now depend from claim 31. Claims 19-27 have also been amended to remove references to "step" and letters preceding elements.

Claims 1-27 and claims 30-31 are elected for examination, and claims 28-29 have been canceled; thus, the claims now comply with the Examiner's restriction requirement, and examination on the merits is requested.

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